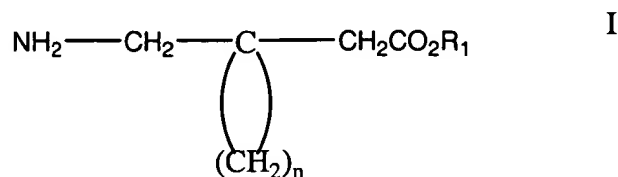


This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

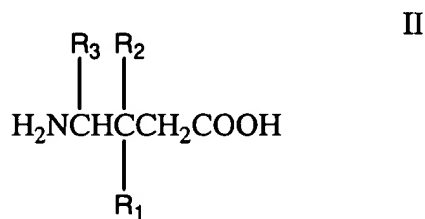
1. (Currently Amended) A method for ~~preventing and~~ treating inflammatory diseases comprising administering to a subject in need of treatment an effective anti-inflammatory amount of a ~~GABA analog~~ compound of formula I:



wherein R₁ is hydrogen or lower alkyl and n is an integer of from 4 to 6, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. (New): The method of claim 1, wherein said compound is 1-(aminomethyl)-cyclohexane acetic acid.
3. (New): The method of claim 2, wherein the inflammatory disease is arthritis.
4. (New): The method of claim 3, wherein the inflammatory disease is rheumatoid arthritis.
5. (New) The method of claim 2, wherein the effective anti-inflammatory amount of a compound of formula I is administered in an oral dosage form.
6. (New): The method of claim 5, wherein the oral dosage form is a tablet, capsule or pill.
7. (New): The method of claim 6, wherein the oral dosage form comprises between 20 and 800 mg of 1-(aminomethyl)-cyclohexane acetic acid.

8. (New) A method for treating inflammatory diseases comprising administering to a subject in need of treatment an effective anti-inflammatory amount of a compound of formula II:



wherein R₁ is a straight or branched alkyl of from 1 to 6 carbon atoms, phenyl, or cycloalkyl of from 3 to 6 carbon atoms;

R₂ is hydrogen or methyl; and

R₃ is hydrogen, methyl, or carboxyl, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

9. (New): The method of claim 8, wherein said compound is (S)-3-(aminomethyl)-5-methylhexanoic acid.
10. (New): The method of claim 9, wherein the inflammatory disease is arthritis.
11. (New): The method of claim 10, wherein the inflammatory disease is rheumatoid arthritis.
12. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein the effective anti-inflammatory amount of a compound of formula II is administered in an oral dosage form.
13. (New): The method of claim 12, wherein the oral dosage form is a tablet, capsule or pill.
14. (New): The method of claim 13, wherein the oral dosage form comprises between 20 and 800 mg of (S)-3-(aminomethyl)-5-methylhexanoic acid.